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CITY COUNCILMAN MYRON LOWERY'S REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR 2009

January

Resolution congratulating United Housing on its 15th Anniversary.

Heard Internal Audit Report on the review of Division of Police Services policies.

Discussion of having recycling containers in public places.

Ordinance to ban the use of plastic shopping bags at parades and public assemblies.

Recognized Memphis University School Football Team as 2008 Div 2-AA State Champions.

Transferred \$2,750,000 for the rehab of trenchless storm water structures.

Transferred \$2,750,000 for the rehab of storm drainage infrastructure.

Approved amendments to MLGW Retirement and Pension System.

Approved policy to manage price volatility of operating commodities of MLGW.

Resolution approving City involvement in the mortgage lending lawsuit.

Discussion of Council approval for all City initiated lawsuits.

Discussion of the new City of Memphis On the Job Injury policy.

Accepted \$5,997,700 from Dept .of Justice for Interoperable Communication Technology.

Accepted \$81,600 from TDOT for the Downtown Gateways Enhancement Project.

Update on the City of Memphis Parks Master Plan.

Accepted \$2,668,047 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Adult Fund.

Accepted \$24,987 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Rapid Response Fund.

Update on the Animal Shelter Replacement and Motor Vehicle Inspection Station CIP projects.

Presentation by Schools Superintendent Dr. Kriner Cash.

Heard recommendations of the Police Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee.

Resolution honoring Ronnie Green for outstanding service to the community.

Created the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board Ad Hoc Committee.

Exempted certain MPD Officers for residency outside of the territorial limits of the City.

February

Resolution for an honorary street name change for Pastor Robert C. Jones, Jr.

Appointment to the Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission.

Appointments to the Youth Guidance Commission.

Plan for college loan forgiveness and relocation expenses for newly hired police officers.

Resolution to expedite the processing of police applicants in a timely manner.

Presentation of the Urban Art Commission Public Art Plan for 2009.

Resolution to reintroduce down payment assistance program for Memphis police officers.

Authorized the sale of various plots of City owned property.

Accepted \$3,604,379 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Youth Funds.

Accepted \$1,195,855 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Dislocated Worker Fund.

Accepted \$1,249 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One State Wide Activities Fund.

Discussion of unpaid fines and linking information.

Appropriated funds for the Memphis Voluntary Buyout Program.

Ordinance to provide for minimum energy efficiency in rental property.

Honorary street name change for North Bellevue Boulevard – Rev. Robert C. Jones, Jr.

Update on economic stimulus plan and Triangle Noir.

Established Council goals and action plan for 2009.

Resolution supporting truth in sentencing state laws.

Appointments to Youth Guidance Com, Center City Revenue Finance Corp. & Music Com.

Appropriated \$397,000 for Mud Island Playground & Chickasaw Heritage Park Trail.

Approved plans and specifications for the Collins yard building.

Status report of the issues regarding the Fairgrounds Redevelopment Plan.

Authorized issuance of bonds for financing the cost of public works projects in the city.

Discussion of FY2009 2nd quarter Operating Budget forecast and mid-year clean up.

Presentation by Fleming J. Ivory, founder and general conductor of MYPAC.

Discussion of utility cut-off policy for extreme weather.

Appropriated \$316,000 to continue the implementation of the Urban Art Plan.

Discussion of the Urban Art Commission law school bridge project.

Resolution requiring a quarterly report on the status of CIP projects.

Allocated \$3,187,087 for the construction of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station.

Update on the Mortgage Lending/Foreclosure lawsuit.

Ordinance to require Council approval on all lawsuits initiated by the City.

March

Resolution appropriating \$41,900 to repair Fire Dept. equipment.

Appointment and reappointments to the Landmarks Commission.

Appointments and reappointments to the Memphis and Shelby County Air Pollution Board.

Appointment to the Memphis and Shelby County Depot Redevelopment Corporation Board.

Discussion of City's OJI policy.

Established a Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board special committee.

Approved completion of plans and specifications for Liberty Bowl locker rooms phase II.

Appropriated \$500,000 to Memphis Botanic Garden Foundation for the Children's Garden.

Appropriated \$300,000 to replace Mud Island amphitheater A/C parts & HVAC control system.

Discussion of unpaid fines and linking information.

Allocated \$250,000 to prepare for funding from Economic Recovery (Stimulus) legislation.

Ordinance prohibiting the roadside sale of animals.

Discussion of vacant city positions.

Discussion of MLGW cut-off policy for extreme weather.

Approved zoning text amendment to sign regulations.

Presentation by Larry Jensen of Memphis Tomorrow on economic drivers of the community.

Presentation of Census 2010.

Resolution urging teamwork and communication.

Accepted \$14,286 from TN Dept. of Labor for WIA Title Five Incentive Fund.

Accepted \$32,156 from TN Dept. of Labor for WIA Title One State Wide Activities Fund.

Approved changes to PILOT program of Industrial Dev. Board of Memphis and Shelby Co.

Presentation of plan for obstacles in the screening and hiring processes of police officers.

Discussion relative to college loan forgiveness and relocation expenses for new police officers.

Report on a Down Payment Assistance Program for police officers.

Resolution accepting \$11,500,000 in grant funds for Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Accepted \$258,360 from TDOT to create Safe Route to School Frayser.

Discussion of plans and recommendations for the Collins Yard Building.

Established \$397,000 for Mud Island Playground and Chickasaw Heritage Park Walking Trail.

Discussion of the sale of beer at University of Memphis football games.

Allocated \$200,000 for construction in Liberty Bowl ADA seating.

Accepted \$16,554 from estate of Gary D. Fitzgerald to purchase books/materials for library.

Honorary street name change for Meagher Street – Joe C. Warren.

Presentation by Memphis Connect.

Presentation by Connected Tennessee.

Resolution affirming support of and partnership with Census 2010.

Congratulated the Class of 2009 of Ms. Glynn's Charm and Finishing School.

Recognized Overton High Lady Wolverines on their victory as 15-AAA District Champions.

Recognized Arc of the Mid-South as they plan for National Disability Awareness Month.

Resolution recognizing the Broad Avenue Arts District.

April

Accepted \$1,108,400 from Department of Homeland Security for Division of Fire Services.

Accepted \$730,857 for Operation Safe Community: Coordinator Law Enforcement Initiatives.

Accepted \$1,148,400.00 from TN for In-Service Training for 1,914 commissioned officers.

Amended Code of Ordinances so as to establish an open container law.

Amended Code of Ordinances to prohibit the use of off-highway motor vehicles on highway.

Amended Code to establish penalty for offenses by persons owning or controlling vehicles.

Amended Code of Ordinances to establish penalty for transporting minors in the bed of trucks.

Amended Code of Ordinances so as to establish a penalty for non-emergency 911 calls.

Amended Code to prohibit school bus drivers using mobile phones while transporting children.

Amended Code to require motor vehicles to give three feet clearance when passing bicycles.

Amended Code to establish penalty for operation low speed vehicles on city streets.

Amended Code to comply with state financial responsibility law and evidence of compliance.

Report on a Down Payment Assistance Program for police officers.

Recycling update.

Update on Liberty Bowl ADA issues.

Discussion of Gateway testing and impact on issuance of diplomas at Memphis City Schools. Presentation by Unite Memphis for Education.

Authorized issuance, sale and delivery of bonds to refund outstanding commercial paper.

Authorized issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds to finance various public works projects.

Accepted \$35,500 from TN Dept. of Health Services for rape prevention and crisis services.

Update on the Second Chance Program.

May

Extended the sunset clause ordinance until June 30, 2010.

Discussion of line of duty disability retirement for widow of Officer James Baker.

Appropriated \$1,560,000 for Countrywood Park Construction.

Appropriated \$250,000 in Liberty Bowl Sound System.

Appropriated \$150,000 in Raleigh Bartlett Meadows Park construction.

Appropriated \$89,640 for irrigation pump station equipment at Davy Crockett Golf Course.

Accepted \$1,037,710 from Homeland Security-FEMA for Division of Fire Services.

Accepted \$258,145 from Metropolitan Medical Response program for Div. of Fire Services.

Discussion of a traffic light at South Third Street and Holmes Road.

Allocated \$340,507 for a construction contract to install sidewalks in school areas.

Established the MLGW Division in lieu of tax payment to the City for FY 2010.

Directed the city treasurer to prepare tax bills for utilities and carriers.

Accepted \$191,593 from Department of Labor for the Second Chance Connections Project.

Discussion of Gateway exam.

Resolution adopting the University District Comprehensive Plan.

Honorary street name change for Holmes Road - Pastor Andrew Jackson.

Update on Memphis Medical Center and Bioworks – Dr. Steven Bares.

Update on the Pension Plan investment performance.

Accepted \$16,500 from Drexel Chemical Company for foam for the Division of Fire Services.

Accepted \$52,500 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Statewide Activities Fund.

Accepted \$26,250 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Statewide Activities Fund

Resolution approving the FY 2010 Budget for the Center City Commission.

Update on regulations for the inspection for motor vehicles in the City of Memphis.

Update on the Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center.

<u>June</u>

Approved fiscal year 2010 operating budget for the City of Memphis: \$577,300,012.

Approved the Capital Improvement Program for 2010: \$207,273,800.

Reduced the tax rate of the City of Memphis for fiscal year 2010 from \$3.25 to \$3.20.

Discussed ordinance to prohibit firearms on City of Memphis park property.

Extended Cable Franchise Ordinance as amended through October 6, 2009.

Accepted \$129,336 from HUD for activities for homeless and special needs populations.

Resolution waiving taxes for Willing Souls Missionary Baptist Church.

Update on the Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center.

Appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

Re-appointment to the Public Art Oversight Committee.

Appointments to the Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission.

Amended ordinance to increase allowable pension benefits.

Amended ordinance to decrease membership of board of directors of Center City Commission.

Established a City of Memphis fleet and take home vehicle policy.

Discussion of the city's sick leave policy.

Update on the PILOT Program.

Presentation of Red Light Camera proposal.

Presentation on booting and towing.

Presentation by Mid South Coalition on HIV/AIDS.

Discussion with University of Memphis President Dr. Shirley Raines.

July

Accepted \$13,750 from Dept. Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

Ordinance regulating traffic control photographic system.

Discussion of City of Memphis court costs.

Ordinance to prohibit texting while driving.

Appointments and Reappointments to the Memphis City Beautiful Commission.

Re-appointment to the Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority.

Update on police hiring.

Accepted \$3,259,519 from TN Dept. Labor for WIA Title One Youth Funds.

Accepted \$26,250 from TN Dept. of Labor for Title One State Wide Activities Fund.

Appropriated \$7,167,641 for the construction of the animal shelter replacement.

Resolution relative to education finance establishing a single source of local school funding.

Resolution re: U of M use of Liberty Bowl and parking for home football games.

Resolution re: use of Liberty Bowl and parking for Southern Heritage Classic game.

Resolution re: use of Liberty Bowl and parking areas for the Liberty Bowl Classic.

Resolution to allow Shelby County Clerk to collect vehicle registration fees.

Resolution re: Board of Equalization and foreclosures, etc. effect on home values.

Presentation of Strategy MemphisED and Memphis External Marketing.

Resolution adopting the University District Comprehensive Plan.

Appointment and reappointment to the Memphis City Beautiful Commission.

Approved appointment to the City of Memphis Pension Board.

Approved reappointments to the Joint Arena Public Building Authority.

Resolution adopting a transparency in travel policy.

Accepted \$6,103,585 federal funds for signal coordination project.

Accepted \$5,494,500 federal funds for the NW signal coordination project.

Accepted \$2,500,000 federal funds for Shelby Drive signal coordination project.

Accepted \$1,050,000 federal funds for the East CEI signal coordination project.

Accepted \$848,715 federal funds for the Poplar/Germantown signal coordination project.

Accepted \$402,500 federal funds for the railroad signs and markings project.

Accepted \$50,000 federal funds for transportation planning activities.

Appropriated \$740,000 for equipment used in the installation of traffic signals by city forces.

Discussed approving the Memphis City Schools 2009-2010 budget.

Update on regulations for the inspection for motor vehicles in the City of Memphis.

Honorary street name change for Shady Lane – Mrs. Georgia A. Moss-Davis.

Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances regarding the membership of the ethics board.

Heard update on the Memphis Zoo.

Sworn in as Mayor Pro Tem of Memphis on July 31st by Judge Hardy Mays.

ACTIONS AS MAYOR PRO TEM

August

Selected Jack Sammons as Chief Administrative Officer.

Selected Veronica Colman-Davis as Deputy City Attorney.

Selected Donna Davis as Media Relations Specialist.

Selected Susan David as Special Assistant.

Addressed Summer Youth Employment graduates at end of summer program.

Worked to correct payroll problems within the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Neighborhood Stabilization News conference at Frayser Community Development Center.

News conference with MPD Director Godwin for Undercover Operation Safeguard, 77 arrests.

Met with all division directors.

Ribbon cutting for the Disney's 'A Christmas Carol' Train Tour.

Homeland Security funds meeting with Congressman Cohen.

Participated in groundbreaking at FedEx House for Le Bonheur Children Hospital.

Attended Baptist Ministers Association meeting.

Visited National Night Out meetings throughout the city.

Addressed MLGW Neighborhood Leaders Conference with community related topics.

Mayor Lowery's nominee Councilman Bill Boyd wins the Bobby Dunavant Award.

Signed contracts totaling \$27,828,242 including HCD grant funded contracts of \$21,981,881.

Met with all division deputy directors.

Held Town Hall meeting for public to meet all city division directors.

Held Open House for public to visit the Mayor's Office.

Participated in Memphis City Schools Pre-K Express Program at Convention Center.

Participated in Stop the Killing Rally at Bickford Community Center.

Addressed Kroc Center neighborhood forum breakfast at Christian Brothers University.

Addressed MPD command staff at the Airways Police Station.

Addressed Memphis in May Annual Year End Review luncheon at Peabody.

Attended Elected Officials Prayer Breakfast at Crescent Club with guest speaker Paul Stanley.

Meeting with Turkish representatives Mark Namver and Kemal Oksuz.

Participated in the Friends for our Riverfront meeting on Cobblestone Landing.

Met with Shelby County Trustee's staff about combining city and county taxes collections.

Addressed the Orange Mound Civic Organization.

Spoke to IBEW members about importance of open communications with MLG&W officials.

Signed legal contracts totaling \$31,902,597 including HCD contracts totaling \$27,074,923.

Participated in air conditioner give-away with MPD's New Chicago Co-Act.

Spoke to the Men's Journey Group at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Welcomed the American Bridge Association tournament players to Memphis.

Participated in Mayoral Forum at St. Trinity CME Church, Walter Hurt Organizer.

Attended AFL/CIO Labor Council luncheon with speaker City Court Clerk Thomas Long.

Appointed Janet Hooks to Director of Public Service & Neighborhoods.

Appointed John Vergos to Memphis Area Transit Authority Board.

Appointed Mark Jones to Memphis Housing Authority Board.

Appointed Jacquelyn Jones to Memphis Animal Shelter Board.

Appointed Deni Carr Reilly to City Beautiful Commission.

Appointed Karla Davis to City Beautiful Commission.

Joint Appointment of David Peck, Memphis & Shelby Co New Arena Public Building Board.

Joint Appointment of Julie Raines, Memphis & Shelby Co New Arena Public Building Board.

Joint Appointment of Johnnie Turner, Memphis & Shelby Co New Arena Public Bldg Board.

Joint Appointment of Brandy Johnson-Ward to M&S Co Center City Revenue Finance Board.

News conference with MPD updating Operation Safeguard, 103 arrested.

Sponsored a school supply drive with UniverSoul Circus.

Breakfast at Salvation Army with Tamble Terrace Neighborhood Watch, Willie Banks, Pres.

Met with Uptown Volunteers at the Community Garden on 4th Street.

Spoke at funerals at Greater Imani for Jerry Knox, Lakesha Spencer and Maurice Crawley.

Participated in Community Guest Day at Longview Heights SDA Church.

Attended Coach Lionel Hollis and the Memphis Grizzlies Bowling for Backpacks.

Met with Shelby County Democratic Women at Piccadilly on Mt. Moriah.

Visited Fire Station #39 on Raines Road.

Supported University of Phoenix Students with their Downtown Health Care Project.

Met police officers during shift change at Raines Station precinct.

AT&T Ribbon Cutting to introduce AT&T U-Verse in Memphis, with Chuck Thomas.

Met Commercial Appeal Editorial Board with Mayor A C Wharton and SCCC Deidre Malone.

Spoke to high school football players at the tailgate dinner for the Kick-off Classic at Bridges.

Attended Dr. Kriner Cash's State of Education Address at the Board of Education.

Donated \$1,000 of the Mayor Pro Tem salary to MLGW's Plus One Program.

Attended Baptist Minister's Assoc. with Mayor AC Wharton and SCCC Deidre Malone.

Participated in Media Leaders Luncheon hosted by Donna Davis.

Participated in opening ceremony for Maxine Smith Center at Southwest Community College.

Attended Raleigh-Frayser Community Action Network monthly meeting.

Visited Fire Station #13 on Parkway.

Visited the Central Police Station on Tillman.

Attended Association of City Retired Employees luncheon at the Board of Education.

Appointed Johnie McKay to Deputy Director of Community Enhancement.

Attended Greater Memphis Chamber Breakfast Forum featuring Dr. Shirley Raines.

Attended Memphis in May Board meeting.

Spoke at press conference for demolition of Old Lester School by HCD & First Baptist Broad.

Spoke to senior citizens- International Paper's Christmas in Aug. at Sexton Community Ctr.

Attended Frayser Exchange Club meeting Stevie Moore, FFUN was guest speaker.

Participated in webcast/conference call on Health Care Reform with President Obama.

Attended Mayoral Forum at Baptist Ministers Association.

Spoke at Downtown Neighborhood Association.

Appointed Wain Gaskins, City Engineer to Transport Policy Board of Metro Planning Org.

Signed contracts totaling \$10,000,793 including new Animal Shelter totaling \$7,176,641.

Met with Maryland State Delegate Representative Barbara Robinson.

Attended LeMoyne-Owen College Celebrity Sports Breakfast.

Visited Fire Station #37 on Weaver Road.

Kicked off South Memphis Clean-up Campaign at Mitchell Community Center.

Attended Washing Chapel CME Church for program on domestic violence.

Attended LeMoyne-Owen College National Alumni Association meeting.

Presented proclamations at the Sister Network 5th Anniversary Pink Ribbon Luncheon.

Visited the House of Mtenzi presenter's banquet for the Stone Awards on October 17th.

Attended the United Negro College Fund Banquet.

Donated \$1,000 of the Mayor Pro Tem salary to LeMoyne-Owen College.

Welcomed Fantasia to Memphis with a Certificate of Special Recognition.

Visited Fire Station #11 on Union Avenue.

Attended St. Augustine Catholic Church with members of the City Council.

Welcomed 3rd Annual Memphis Artists Awards Program at Evangelist Faith COGIC.

Unannounced visit to see conditions at the Memphis Animal Shelter.

Spoke to AFSCME sanitation employees at their beginning workday meeting.

Attended Community Education Program at Bloomfield Baptist Church.

Visited Fire Station #5 on Front Street.

Approved the sale of beer at U of M football games at the Liberty Bowl Stadium.

Visited Memphis Police Department Union Station Precinct.

Attended Developers Network Luncheon at Hope Presbyterian Church.

Participated in 38106 Community Meeting at Hamilton Community Center.

Announced State grant of \$975,312 for enhancement of Elvis Presley Boulevard.

Signed approximately 7 legal contracts totaling \$946,762.

Stopped by the Mid-town Security Community meeting chaired by Peggy Williamson.

Key note speaker at Germantown Democratic Club meeting.

Participated in ribbon cutting ceremony for renovations at Liberty Bowl Stadium.

Met with Cellular South officials.

Discussed future road and bridge improvements leading to Memphis Motorsports Park.

Met with members of the Indian Hotel Association.

News conference announcing solutions to Summer Youth Employment payroll problems.

Speaker at Minority Business Council breakfast at Cook Convention Center.

Addressed employees at City Employee Recognition Ceremony at Memphis Botanic Gardens.

Held press conference to announce NLC Prescription Discount program with CVS Caremark.

Chaired the City of Memphis Pension Board meeting.

Addressed 50 participants in the Second Chance Program in the Council Chambers.

Participated in the WMC - TV live Mayoral Debate at Opera Memphis.

Nominated Joseph Saino to Pension Board.

Appointed Kenya Bradshaw to Youth Guidance Commission.

Appointed Rodney Lomax to Youth Guidance Commission.

Re-Appointed Lilly White to Memphis & Shelby County Board of Equalization.

Appointed Brian Mallory to Memphis & Shelby County Board of Equalization.

Re-Appointed Wayne Tabor to Memphis & Shelby County Convention Center Board.

Re-Appointed James Toles to Land Use Control Board.

Appointed Stanley Hyland to Landmarks Commission.

Re-Appointed Kevin Kane to Memphis & Shelby Co New Arena Public Building Authority.

Appointed James Weatherington to Memphis & Shelby County Electrical Code Board.

Appointed Brent David to Memphis & Shelby County Building Code Advisory Board.

Re-Appointed Edward Bumpus to Civil Service Commission.

Personally delivered checks to Summer Youth Program Participants.

Visited Fire Station #15 on Breedlove.

Participated in roundtable discussion with Senator Alexander & Sec. of Ed Arne Duncan.

Visited Fire Station #14 on McLemore Avenue.

Signed legal contracts totaling \$3,408,379 including HCD contracts totaling \$1,187,208.

<u>September</u>

Participated in Press Conference for Library Card Day at Benjamin Hooks Library.

Participated in Memphis Chamber Ribbon Cutting for On the River Seafood & More on Main.

Addressed Memphis Business Journal Annual Health Care Heroes Awards Banquet.

Addressed over 300 participants of the Older Worker's Conference held at the Peabody.

Attended luncheon at UT Health Science Center with Chancellor Pat Wall and local legislators.

Met with Betty Tyler with the ARIZE a social wellness program.

Addressed city employees at brown bag luncheon in Hall of Mayors.

Stopped by the IBEW Stewards meeting.

Spoke at Town Hall Meeting with Kemp Conrad regarding Paradiso incident.

Spoke at Neighborhood Watch meeting at Appling Farms Police Station.

Visited Fire Station #1 on Jackson Avenue.

Emceed musical program at Levitt Shell.

Signed contracts totaling \$4,872,279 including HCD contracts totaling \$3,098,040.

Attended Center for Southern Folklore Music Festival at Peabody Place.

Attended Bank of Bartlett Annual U of M Tiger Football Kickoff Party.

Attended Faith & Labor Picnic at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Addressed the participants of National Baptist Convention at the Cook Convention Center.

Attended Delta Fair Reception at the Agricenter.

Attended National Association of Women Business Owners Mixer at Napa Café.

Attended Shelby County Joint Economic Community Development Board at Bartlett City Hall.

Spoke at Animal Shelter Ground Breaking at 2350 Appling City Cove.

Visited Fire Station #48 on Raleigh LaGrange.

Toured new Riviana Foods plant.

Attended memorial service for Shelby County Trustee Paul Matilla.

Addressed media and participants at Memphis Food Band / Tyson Foods event.

Welcomed the newest Memphis Grizzlies' Allen Iverson to the city.

Spoke at Professional Insurance Agents Association Luncheon.

Attended Southern Heritage Classic VIP Party at Marriott.

Attended Muslim of Memphis Interfaith Iftar Dinner at Germantown Athletic Club.

Spoke at Fire Museum at a memorial ceremony for fallen fire fighters.

Attended Nike Classic Coaches Luncheon at Marriott Downtown.

Donated \$500 of Mayor Pro Tem salary to the Memphis Food Bank.

Stopped by Douglass High School in support of Community Goes Green.

Attended Aging Commission Board Meeting.

Attended Ribbon Cutting at Melrose Stadium with Superintendent Cash and board members.

Attended Southern Heritage Concert with Bobby Rush, Lattimore, and Clarence Carter at Harrah's.

Presented Steve Harvey with proclamation at his party.

Participated with my wife, Mary in Southern Heritage Classic Parade.

Spoke at Wolf River Conservatory Awards Ceremony and the Go Green Group.

Hosted Tailgate Party at Southern Heritage Classic for City of Memphis employees.

Attended Zoo Rendezvous fundraiser.

Signed contracts totaling \$9,977,777 including a Police Stimulus Grant for \$6,345,093.

Attended Post Southern Heritage Classic Breakfast at the home of Anne Mitchell-Hinton.

Spoke to Diversity Walk participants at National Civil Rights Museum.

Participated in Mayoral Forum at St. Andrew AMC Church on South Parkway East.

Met Commissioner of Health Virginia Trotter at reception for Norma Lester.

Attended Memphis Symphony Orchestra Concert on the lawn of LeMoyne-Owen College.

Attended 6th Annual Gandhi King Reception at the home of Drs. Manoj and Sunita Jain.

Met with the Memphis Police Association and African American Police Association.

Participated in Mayoral Forum at Middle Baptist Church on Whitehaven Lane.

Attended Memphis Animal Shelter Meeting.

Attended Memphis Chamber Global Leadership Dinner for Condoleezza Rice and Fred Smith.

Spoke at MLGW Retiree Picnic at Agricenter.

Donated \$500 of the Mayor Pro Tem salary to Church Health Center

Attended Medical Center Streetscape Planning Meeting.

Held press conference for the awareness of H1N1 and received a flu shot in Hall of Mayors.

Attended Memphis Chamber ribbon cutting for Peacock McCarty Travel on South Main.

Attended United Way Kick-off at Christ the Rock Church.

Attended ribbon cutting for Big Lots & donation of \$2,500 to Kate Bond Elem. School.

Attended ribbon cutting for new location of Diamond International on Brooks Road.

Donated \$500 of Mayor's salary to Mid-South Peace & Justice Center's Brad Watkins.

Debriefed by Sara Lewis on Summer Youth Employ Program and accepted her resignation.

Attended Mallory Heights Community Cleanup with more than 100 volunteers.

Attended Dutch Treat Luncheon at Jason's Deli on Poplar.

Participated in Memphis Democrat Club Mayoral Forum at LeMoyne Owen College.

Signed approximately 27 legal contracts totaling \$3,326,974.

Spoke at Press Conference for World Alzheimer Day at the Peabody.

Met with Dalai Lama representative regarding upcoming activities in Memphis this week.

Participated in Raleigh Frayser & North Memphis Mayoral Forum at Breath of Life Christian.

Spoke at Memphis Housing Authority ribbon cutting for Austin Park Place.

Welcomed Dalai Lama and presented key to city and joint proclamation with Mayor Wharton.

Spoke at Memphis & Shelby Film Commission movie premier of the Dalia Lama Movie.

Attended reception for Dalai Lama at National Civil Rights Museum.

Attended award luncheon for Dalai Lama at Peabody.

Presented Natalie Cole with Key to City at Peabody.

Attended Memphis Chamber breakfast where Dr. Kriner Cash was keynote speaker.

Spoke at NAACP Tennessee State Conference Community Mass Meeting/Memorial Service.

Attended Lipscomb & Pitts Breakfast Club event; Dominique Dawes was keynote speaker.

Donated \$500 of Mayor's salary to Cultural Arts for Everyone accepted by Rebecca Edwards.

Spoke at Second Annual Barbara Motley Memorial Walk-a-thon.

Attended Beltline Community Resource Center Festival.

Attended food give away at Impact Baptist Church on North Watkins in Frayser.

Attended Friends of the Poor Walk at Christian Brothers University High School.

Spoke at StarStepper Banquet at Orange Mound Community Center.

Donated \$500 of the Mayor's salary to Goodwill Homes Community Service.

Visited Fire Station #41 on Ridgeway.

Participated in News Channel 3 Mayoral Debate.

Signed approximately 24 legal contracts totaling \$3,188,995.

Attended Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association Festival.

Presented certificate honoring Pastor Lee Ward at Greater Harvest Church.

Visited Fire Station #42 on Fontaine.

Chaired the Emergency Management System Billing Bid Protest Hearing.

Attended reception for Brookings Leaders visiting from Washington D.C.

Participated in Change a Light, Change a City Meeting with Jerry Collins and Field Pickering.

October

Spoke to students from Sheffield High School during a tour of City Hall.

Attended Issues First Pledge Signing Event at St. Vincent DePaul Mission for the homeless.

Attended Airways/Lamar Business Association meeting.

Participated in Greening Memphis Mayoral Forum at University of Memphis.

Attended memorial for Civil Rights pioneer and Shelby Co Commissioner Dr. Vasco Smith.

Donated \$500 of the Mayor's salary to Memphis Music Foundation accepted by Dean Deyo.

Signed legal contracts totaling \$6,030,679.

Attended 20th Annual Walk for Homeless.

Attended Frayser Fall Festival at Ed Rice Community Center.

Attended City of Memphis Health Fair at the Memphis Zoo.

Attended Cherokee Elementary School Fall Festival.

Attended Ribbon Cutting for Waffle House on Sycamore View Road.

Attended installation of Elder Ezell Owens, 1st African American Pastor, Merton Ave Church.

Attended NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing at Memphis Motorsports Park.

Addressed day students at Vatterott College on Dividend Drive.

Participated in Rotary Club Mayoral Forum at Rhodes College.

Hosted a telephone Town Hall Meeting.

Participated in Frayser Community Association Mayoral Forum at Ed Rice Community Center.

Participated in University of Memphis NAACP Mayoral Forum at Michael D. Rose Theater.

Promoted Gifts for Guns and Done with Guns Program on Good Morning Memphis.

Spoke at 25th Anniversary of MLGW Project MAX Program at Bridges.

Attended 10th Barrister's Pancake Breakfast to benefit Susan G. Komen at Calvary Episcopal.

Promoted Gifts for Guns, Done with Guns and Mayor's Office Open House on Live at 9.

Spoke at MED Week Awards Luncheon at the University of Memphis.

Spoke at the Memphis Fire Services Commencement Ceremony at First Assembly of God.

Attended the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk at the Cancer Survivors Park.

Donated \$200 of Mayor's salary to American Cancer Society accepted by Jacqueline Toney.

Spoke at the Hamilton Community Cleanup at Dunn Elementary School.

Hosted Gift for Guns and Done with Guns Program at the National Civil Rights Museum.

Attended Memphis Police Department Recognition Picnic at UT Doctor's Field.

Held Open House for public to view the City of Memphis Mayor's Office.

Attended the Memphis Heritage Architectural Auction Fundraiser at Memphis Heritage.

Attended 70th Birthday Party of Charles and Sandra Trammell at Zoo's Teton Trek Center.

Spoke at the Inauguration of 22nd CBU President Ceremony at St. Peter's Church.

Signed contracts totaling \$4,475,809.

Attended the Elected Official's Prayer Breakfast at Frank Grisanti's restaurant.

Held news conference on BLIGHT initiative with MPD and Community Enhancement.

Hosted Gift for Guns, Done with Guns Program collected 160 guns from Memphians.

Hosted a telephone Town Hall Meeting.

Observed new Police recruits run the qualifying 1½ mile run at Fair Grounds.

Attended conference announcing the award of EMS Billing & Collection Contract to Digitech.

Welcomed Leadership Memphis guests from Greece, Romania, Slovakia, Poland and Turkey.

Spoke at Memphis Bar Centennial at Shelby County Courthouse.

Spoke at the City of Memphis United Way Kick-off in the Hall of Mayors.

Participated in Fire Dept Pink for Cancer Awareness Program with Two Pink Fire Trucks.

Participated in News Channel 3 Mayoral Forum.

Attended the Memphis Motorsports Park Race Week Luncheon.

Attended the Coro Lake Fish Fry.

Attended the Commission on Religion and Racism Freedom Fundraising Awards Banquet.

Attended the Stone Awards at the Pink Palace.

Signed contracts totaling \$22,735,677 including Public Work Stimulus Grants of \$20,502,700.

Welcomed Minister Farrakhan at the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

Nominated Herman Morris as City Attorney on behalf of Mayor Elect Wharton.

Nominated 5 as recommended by the Council to Memphis & Shelby Metro Charter Comm.

Meet with Jack Soden on the improvements of Graceland.

Attended the University Business District Meeting at RP Tracks Restaurant.

Spoke at funeral of retired sanitization worker, Willie Cawthon, at Midtown Church of Christ.

Attended swearing-in ceremony for Herman Morris as City Attorney in the Hall of Mayors.

Held swearing-in for appointees and re-appointees for various boards and commission.

Attended Convention & Visitors Bureau & Restaurant Assoc fall social at the Zoo Teton Trek.

Attended Memphis in May board meeting at Brooks Museum.

Attended the Family Home Health Agency Open House & Dedication.

Attended the Mitchell Heights Community Cleanup at Living Water Church.

Judged Chili Contest at Lake Gove Missionary Baptist Church hosted by Mary Warren.

Attended NAACP Annual Membership Radio-thon at Freedom House.

Signed approximately 55 legal contract totaling \$7,901,996.18.

Spoke at National Alliance of Concurrent Educational Planners Convention at Marriott.

Attended swearing-in ceremony for the 67th Mayor of Memphis, AC Wharton.

November

Accepted \$6,345,093 from Dept of Justice for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.

Accepted \$734,919 from Shelby Co./ U.S. Dept of Justice for public safety projects.

Funded \$1,407,721 of appropriation for the construction of the Wolf River Greenway.

Heard presentation of FedEx Forum seat audit.

Heard presentation on the golf audit.

Discussed demolition phase of fairgrounds project.

Accepted \$6,767,200 from Dept. of Energy for Efficiency Conservation Block Grant.

Revised Code of Ordinances regarding dimensions of limbs and logs collected by the City.

Approved budgets for MLGW Electric, Gas and Water Divisions for 2010.

Funded \$45,000 in personnel services for mobile vehicle inspections.

Honorary street name change of Ridgeway for Mary Grimes Hutchinson.

Honorary street name change of Beale Street for Bernard Lansky.

Updated regulations regarding junk and scrap dealers.

Appropriated \$650,000 to Countrywood Eads Berryhill Fire Station for land acquisition.

Accepted \$4,085 from Cargill Cotton Citizenship Team to repair park playground equipment.

Approved issuance of bonds for new parking garage complex and airport improvements.

Approved Airport Authority refunding revenue bonds to refinance debt for interest savings.

Heard presentation by Safe Kids Coalition.

Authorized IDB and Shelby Co. to implement policies regarding retention PILOT initiative.

Authorized sale of City owned parcels to participants in Diversity Develop Incubator Initiative.

Resolution allowing the City to recoup payments from certain tax exempt properties.

Accepted \$394,500 from Dept of Justice for Second Chance Act Back on Track Project.

December

Amendment to revise and clarify sections of the pension and retirement plan.

Accepted \$702,318 from the Governor's Highway Safety Office of TDOT.

Accepted \$74,482 from the Governor's Highway Safety Office of TDOT.

Accepted \$63,694 from Dept of Justice for Bulletproof Vests Partnership.

Accepted \$36,000 from Allstate Insurance for Teen Driving Program.

Accepted \$19,960 from Governor's Highway Safety Office of TDOT.

Accepted \$16,761 from Dept of Justice Bulletproof Vests Partnership.

Appropriated \$203,904 M. L. King Jr. Park restrooms.

Discussion of the speed hump installation process.

Approved lease/purchase agreement with Nucor Steel as approved by Port Commission.

Approved lease with Dewayne Hendrix, Two Way Gin Co, as approved by Port Commission.

Approved lease with Kinder Morgan River Terminals as approved by Port Commission.

Amended cable franchise Ordinance No. 4159, extending the franchise ordinance.

Updated on issuance of MLGW refunding bonds.

Authorized sale of City owned parcels to Diversity Developer Incubator Initiative participant.

Designated City "Recovery Zones" for issuing recovery zone economic development bonds.

Presentation on the 1st quarter operating budget forecast.

Accepted \$10,000 from Guilmenot Consulting for the Summer Youth Achieve Program.

Established fund to accept donations solely for use of the Animal Shelter.

Presentation by Police Director Larry Godwin on crime statistics.

Appointments to the City of Memphis Board of Ethics.

Appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer George Little.

Recycling Committee quarterly update.

Extension of Bass Pro Lease Agreement.

Presentation of the 7 gateway projects by Urban Art Commission.

Honorary street name change for Mt. Olive Street for Bishop E. H. and Emma Ware.

Discussion of City of Memphis funding Memphis City Schools.

Established Council meeting dates for 2010.